

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 3-18 and 21-25 remain in this application.

Claim 3 has been placed in independent form and is therefore in full condition for allowance as provisionally indicated in the last Office Action. Claims 4-13, 17, 18 and 25 depend directly and indirectly from allowable claim 3 and set forth further details of the invention not shown or suggested by the art of record. Therefore, these dependent claims are also in full condition for allowance. It is noted that the dependency of claims 12, 17 and 25 has been changed from claim 1 to claim 3.

Claim 14 has been placed in independent form and is therefore in full condition for allowance as provisionally indicated in the last Office Action. Claims 15 and 16 depend directly and indirectly from allowable claim 14 and set forth further details of the invention not shown or suggested by the art of record. Therefore, these dependent claims are also in full condition for allowance.

Claim 21 has been placed in independent form and is therefore in full condition for allowance as provisionally indicated in the last Office Action. Claim 22 depends from claim 21 and sets forth further details of the invention not shown or suggested by the art of record. Therefore, dependent claim 22 is also in condition for allowance.

Claim 23 has been placed in independent form and is therefore in full condition for allowance as provisionally indicated in the last Office Action. Claim 24 depends from allowable claim 23 and sets forth further details of the invention not shown or suggested by the art of record. Therefore, claim 24 is also in condition for allowance.

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In view of the foregoing, a Notice of Allowance appears to be in order and such is courteously solicited. Any additional fee which might be due in connection with this application should be applied against our Deposit Account No. 19-0522.

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